

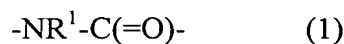
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A curable composition comprising:

an organic polymer (A) which has on average 1.1 to 50 groups per one molecule thereof each represented by the general formula (1) and has one or more silicon-containing functional groups capable of cross-linking by forming siloxane bonds:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group; and  
a metal carboxylate and/or a carboxylic acid (B).

2. (original): The curable composition according to claim 1, in which the carbon atom adjacent to the carbonyl group of the metal carboxylate and/or of the carboxylic acid (B) is a tertiary or quaternary carbon atom.

3. (original): The curable composition according to claim 1, in which the carbon atom adjacent to the carbonyl group of the metal carboxylate and/or of the carboxylic acid (B) is a quaternary carbon atom.

4. (currently amended): The curable composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, in which the component (B) is a carboxylic acid.

5. (currently amended): The curable composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, comprising the component (B) in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight in relation to 100 parts by weight of the component (A).
6. (currently amended): The curable composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, further comprising an amine compound as a component (C).
7. (currently amended): The curable composition according to claim ~~5~~6, comprising the component (C) in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight in relation to 100 parts by weight of the component (A).
8. (new): The curable composition according to claim 2, in which the component (B) is a carboxylic acid.
9. (new): The curable composition according to claim 3, in which the component (B) is a carboxylic acid.
10. (new): The curable composition according to claim 2, comprising the component (B) in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight in relation to 100 parts by weight of the component (A).

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11. (new): The curable composition according to claim 3, comprising the component (B) in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight in relation to 100 parts by weight of the component (A).
12. (new): The curable composition according to claim 4, comprising the component (B) in an amount of 0.01 to 20 parts by weight in relation to 100 parts by weight of the component (A).
13. (new): The curable composition according to claim 2, further comprising an amine compound as a component (C).
14. (new): The curable composition according to claim 3, further comprising an amine compound as a component (C).
15. (new): The curable composition according to claim 4, further comprising an amine compound as a component (C).
16. (new): The curable composition according to claim 5, further comprising an amine compound as a component (C).